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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TO TEXT NBRD PARA TWO)

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SUBJECT: CUBA AND THE OAS

REF: STATE 177456

1. FONMIN SCHACHT RECEIVED ME AT 11:45 THIS MORNING. HE SAID
THAT PANAMANIAN FONMIN TACK WAS ARRIVING AT THE SAME HOUR.
I SAID I WAS GLAD THAT I WAS SEEING THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER
FIRST; SCHACHT LAUGHINGLY REPLIED, "YOU ARE ALWAYS FIRST."

2. I MADE REPRESENTATIONS OUTLINED PARAS TWO AND THREE REFTEL.
MINISTER ANSWERED THAT VENEZUELA INTENDED TO KEEP ITS WORD
AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY ACTION RE RECOGNITION OF CUBA
OUTSIDE THE AMBIT OF OAS. HE SAID HE HOPED HIS GOVERNMENT
COULD PERSUADE THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA AND THE
PANAMANIAN FONMIN TO TAKE A SIMILAR VIEW. HOWEVER, SCHACHT
MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF VENEZUELA IS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THE
TIMETABLE OF OAS ACTION WILL HAVE TO BE SPEEDED UP, ALTHOUGH
HE PATIENTLY LISTENED WHEN I REPEATED OUR OFT-STAED OPPPOSITION
TO ANY OAS MEETING UNTIL LATE IN THE YEAR. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
SCHACHT FEELS HE OFFERS A COMPROMISE SOLUTION IN THAT, ALTHOUGH
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF OAS COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON WOULD VOTE
THE FACIO FORMULA FOR AN INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE, OUR PURPOSE
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WOULD BE SERVED BY POSTPONING FINDINGS OF THAT COMMITTEE UNTIL

AFTER U.S. ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER.

3. SCHACHT WAS TO SEE PANAMANIAN FONMIN SHORTLY AFTER MY DEPARTURE,
AND I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT PERHAPS PRESIDENT PEREZ HIMSELF
WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ON THIS PROBLEM.
SCHACHT PROMISED TO GIVE ME A CALL IF ANY NEW INFORMATION SHOULD
DEVELOP.
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